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A Public Opportunity to Contribute Once a Year.—That is, we think, a modest claim for the almoners of your bounty to make. Will you secure it for us in your church this year?

We need very much two communion services—one for the Midway church, Golding's Grove, Ga., and the other for the new church at Cypress Slash. Who will send them to us?

A pastor of an M. E. Church South, in Georgia, asked us by mail, the other day, for a hundred copies of the AMERICAN MISSIONARY to put on a Christmas tree for members of his church, that he might thus awaken more interest in the missionary cause. We sent them. This is the first time we were ever asked to send our publications as "Christmas greens."

How the angels must smile when they see a man whom God has greatly prospered carefully take a hundred dollars out of a hundred thousand that he has laid away, and hear him say to himself, with a chuckle of self-complacency: "Yes, we are only stewards; we must deal generously by these good causes; I will give that to the Lord." A pauper giving crumbs in charity to the King on whom he depends for daily bread! But then there are some who do not give even the crumbs.—*Congregationalist.*

In this month of February, we publish, according to our custom, the list of our missionaries and teachers in the field; and we are proud of it, not for its length or numbers, but for the high and approved character of those who constitute it; nay, rather, we are thankful to Him under whom we all labor, that He has given to us and to each other so worthy a band of co-laborers, so intelligent and so devoted. We do not forget that these pastors and teachers are far from their homes, and that each is known personally to but a limited number of the friends of the Association, and we bespeak for them not only a general but a personal remembrance. Would it not be well to select some one whose work you, reader,

will follow with especial interest, to whom you will some time write, assuring of your interest and prayers, and with whom you may establish and maintain a personal friendship? Pray for some one at least in this list by name, and you will be less likely to forget to pray for all the rest.

"*Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion; build thou the walls of Jerusalem.*"—So, in that hour of unearthly experience as recorded in the fifty-first Psalm, does David's heart leap from the state of penitence and of forgiveness to take in the welfare of Zion. So, evermore, does the truest devotion inspire the missionary spirit. The first burden of our Lord's Prayer is for a heavenly Kingdom on earth. His last prayer with and for His disciples, that they might be kept, and sanctified and glorified, was, "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." It is the instinct of a soul in communion with God, that in every prayer it should utter at least one petition for the coming of his Kingdom. So often do our lyric hymns, which are but a transcript of Christian experience, glance off from almost any line of thought and of feeling, to utter the great aspiration for the crowning of Christ in His spiritual realm. The nearer we come to God, the more do we long to have Him enthroned in all hearts.

ARRIVAL OF MR. NURSE IN AFRICA.

Mr. Miller writes: "I am very glad to be able to announce to you the arrival of Bro. Nurse from America to join our work in Western Africa. His voyage was rather longer than had been expected, and he doubtless grew impatient as the ship neared this place, and stood several days under the silent influence of a calm.

"Yesterday was Thanksgiving-day with you at home—not less so with him and his mother, from whom he had been separated for many years, as they met in warm embrace. How freely the tears rolled down the cheeks of that overjoyed mother, as she looked upon her son returned to her and the 'dark continent,' a missionary of the Gospel to assist in lifting up degraded, perishing mankind. Bro. Nurse is a little worn-out from his long voyage, but will soon get well rested, and we shall leave for Sherbro."

KNOWING, GIVING, PRAYING.

These are the three strands of the rope by which the car of missions is drawn. This is the trinity of Christian work. The three are one, and each one is only itself fully as it is with the three.

One can have little interest in knowing of a work for which he neither gives nor prays. His knowledge will be indefinite and easily forgotten. It has no grip in it such as comes from a personal connection. In the nation's war, men and women thought of it, read of it, were eager to know the latest tidings, because their sons and their wealth had been given to the cause which they believed was God's, and their prayers were daily following as they traced the progress of the day.

No one will give generously or sufficiently when he has not taken pains to know. You cannot get up much enthusiasm over a mere list of stations or catalogue of workers. Dr. Albert Bushnell says that half the Presbyterian churches in the United States give nothing to the cause of foreign missions, and that many who do not give do not pray. We should be willing to go further than that and say

that none who do not give can pray effectually. They may repeat prayers possibly in public for missions, because that is the proper thing to do, but such are but "vain repetitions" against which we are warned.

We all agree that missions need the prayers of Christians; that such prayer is the duty of all who bear the name of Christ. Then it is equally a duty for all such to fulfil the conditions by which they may be able to pray aright. It is a duty to know about the progress of the Redeemer's cause. If He bids us say, "Thy kingdom come," He will not be content with us if we sit with closed eyes, indifferent to the signs of its coming. But how many Christian people take pains to keep themselves informed of the affairs of the nations of the earth, their wars, their acts, their commerce, and skip the paragraphs which tell of the contests and conquests of Christ's kingdom! How many who know of the strifes and supremacies of parties in Maine and Mississippi, know nothing at all of the religious state or progress of our land! Is it likely that such will give much, or pray earnestly?

Nor will they pray aright unless they give. That makes it their work. That establishes their interest in it. That, if it be real giving—not mere throwing away to avoid the trouble or the embarrassment of saying No—based on intelligent appreciation of the need, enlarges and emphasizes and doubly underscores the prayer which, then, with the alms ascending, will surely find their way to God together.

Friends, we want your prayers for us, for our workers and for our work. But we want prayers that are weighted by your gifts—they will rise the better for it; and that are illuminated with your intelligence—they will be read the better for it, even by the Father who "dwelleth in light."

TILLOTSON COLLEGIATE AND NORMAL INSTITUTE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

This school was founded on the same comprehensive scale as the other chartered institutions of the American Missionary Association. In 1876, a beautiful site of eight acres, overlooking the valley of the Colorado River and the mountains beyond, was secured in the city of Austin, the capital of Texas, and subsequently paid for by the originator of the enterprise, Rev. Geo. J. Tillotson. Efforts were commenced at once to raise the funds for the first building, which is to serve all the purposes of a boarding school until the growth and ability of the institution shall necessitate and provide others. Dea. David Allen, of Connecticut, headed the subscription with $1,000, and to this amount has since added $250. David Banks, of Stanwich, Conn., a gentleman over 80 years of age, raised $1,200 more, subscribing one-third of it himself. The remainder of the amount we now have on hand was collected for the most part by Mr. Tillotson, who has kindly added the gift of his services to the enterprise founded by his liberality. The principal benefactors of the institution are all over seventy years of age.

Work on the new building was commenced last summer, and is still going on. It is being constructed of brick, with stone trimmings, and will have accommodations for seventy boarding students. The funds at our disposal for the object are barely sufficient to inclose the building. We need $7,000 additional in order to finish and furnish it for occupation by the 1st of October. The money already given, amounting to about $11,000, exclusive of the $5,000 paid for the site, was subscribed largely in sums of $400 each by persons who are to have the privilege

of naming the students' rooms, of which there will be thirty-five. A grand example has been given. Are there not others ready to follow?

The burden of debt, and the struggle required to maintain the institutions already under way, has deterred this Association, during the past three years, from pressing the claims of this, our only school in Texas; but we believe the time has now come when we should earnestly solicit the gifts needful for its speedy completion. Already we have received the written indorsement of seventy-six of the leading citizens of Austin, saying, "We believe that such a school is very much needed, and that the enterprise will be hailed by very many of our best citizens as of great importance to the welfare of the State." Texas has a territory larger than France, and constitutes no mean part of "the whole world" where we are commanded to go and teach. Will our friends aid us to go up at once and possess the land?

WHO SHALL CIVILIZE AFRICA?

We copy from the *Tribune* the following opinion of Col. C. Chaillé Long, the African explorer, who preceded Stanley by a year in visiting Mtesa:

If the heart of Africa is ever reached by civilizing influences, Colonel Long thinks the work must be done by intelligent colored people from the United States. They, if anybody, could keep communications open, introduce trade, and gradually train the natives in habits of systematic industry. Last spring, when public attention was attracted to the exodus of negroes from the Southern States, Colonel Long wrote a letter to the King of Belgium, who is President of the principal European society for exploring and civilizing Africa. In that letter he proposed that the King should stimulate, through the medium of his society, a movement to take a large body of the discontented blacks from our Southern States and settle them in Central Africa, opening with them a line of trading and missionary posts from the West Coast to the lake country.

Colonel Long believed that thousands of the most industrious and best educated colored men in the Gulf States could be induced to go. Their presence in Africa would, he wrote, create no surprise or hostility among the natives, and they would soon acquire influence over the native tribes and start the work of civilization. In this way the experiment of opening the dark continent would be tried under the only conditions that afford the least promise of success. King Leopold wrote in reply that the project deeply interested him, and that he should give it his careful investigation, but nothing further has been heard from him. Colonel Long says it would cost a great deal of money to carry out the scheme, but the African exploring societies in Europe could raise it if they tried. He is not enthusiastic about the success of his plan, but is confident that it is the only one not foredoomed to failure. Equatorial Africa, he insists, will never be civilized by white men.

ITEMS FROM THE FIELD.

Macon, Ga.—Pastor S. E. Lathrop is getting under way his Circulating Library for the colored people. He sends out a circular, printed on his own "Gospel Press," that was given him as a home missionary in Wisconsin, appealing for the gift of new or second-hand books for this purpose. Gov. Colquitt and Senators Gordon and Hill have furnished some. Pres. A. L. Chapin, of

Beloit, Wis., is putting up a trunk full. Sup't Roy sent in a "carpet-bag" full. Who'll follow up?

MACON, GA.—A graduate from the Lewis High School writes: "I have worked faithfully for three months. I was assigned to a place where there was no school-house or church. The people had their meeting under an arbor. I worked with the patrons of the place until they built me a school-house. Since that they have erected a church at the expense of $350. It is 35 by 45 feet. We are holding protracted meetings. Three persons have been received in full connection, and many more are hovering around the altar. Our Sunday-school is prospering. Many are coming in. The old folks are more interested in this great work than the young. We are hammering down upon them. My school numbers thirty-nine scholars. I have received several petitions from the colored people, asking me to come again and teach for them."

MCINTOSH, LIBERTY CO., GA.—A pleasant and profitable Sunday-school concert and Christmas exercise was held in the Dorchester Midway church. Mr. McIntosh, the superintendent and teacher, and Miss Douglass, the missionary, are doing good and successful work. Rev. Floyd Snelson is the pastor, and his children gave some exhibitions of their African treasures and experience. A watch-night prayer-meeting was held at his house New Year's eve.

CYPRESS SLASH, GA.—The people are getting up timbers for their new meeting-house.

TOUGALOO, MISS.—We have had a blessed work here this week. Several of our pupils had been very thoughtful for a great while, some of them a year, and one or two even longer. They had held out stoutly, but last Sabbath afternoon one yielded. Saturday night, several asked for prayers. After church, three young men were converted. Monday morning, twelve more yielded. Monday afternoon, one of the most stubborn cases I ever met came into the fold. She had been trying to climb up some other way for more than two years. Tuesday afternoon another gave up, making in all eighteen within two days. Our term closed on Wednesday. Several went to their homes very anxious. I hope they may still be brought within the fold.

FLORENCE, ALA.—The new church edifice mentioned in our last number was first planned through the benevolence of Mrs. J. Fowler, of Mendon, Ill., who contributed fully one-third of the total cost, and thus laid the foundation of this good enterprise. The completion of the work was made possible by "Howard."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The American Missionary Association has called Rev. Simon P. Smith to a missionary work among the colored people of Washington. The Lincoln Mission, a Sabbath-school enterprise connected with the Congregational Church, has offered its capacious building, and here may yet arise a colored Congregational church. Mr. Smith is a colored clergyman, a graduate of Howard and then of Chicago Seminary, and well fitted for his work.—*Congregationalist.*

GENERAL NOTES.

The Freedmen.

—The school work of the Presbyterian Church among the Freedmen reports 39 schools, 4,184 scholars, 58 (or, including 16 ministers and 6 catechists engaged in teaching in addition to their other duties, 80) teachers; making in both departments, including a few assistant teachers, 140 missionaries. Five of their higher

schools report 1,126 pupils, of whom 145 taught part of the year, reporting 7,518 pupils. Of the teachers from four of these schools, 77 superintended Sabbath-schools while teaching, and reported 4,043 Sabbath-school scholars. These four schools report also 51 students preparing for the Gospel ministry.

—The M. E. Church, through its Freedmen's Aid Society, has aided in establishing and supporting 6 chartered colleges, 3 theological and one medical school, and 9 institutions not chartered. In these institutions the number of pupils taught during the year is classified as follows: Biblical, 453; law, 20; medical, 60; collegiate, 74; academic, 270; normal, 1,020; intermediate, 242; primary, 371. Total, 2,510.

—A colored lawyer was recently admitted to practice in the Court of Appeals of Virginia. He is the first colored man who has ever enjoyed this privilege in that State. The motion for his admission was made by the son of ex-Gov. Wise.

Africa.

—On the 8th of July, Mr. James Stewart, C. E., then in charge of the Nyassa Mission, wrote to the Convener from Livingstonia. After building a dwelling-house for the head of the mission at Livingstonia, he sailed north to visit the stations of Marenga and Kaningina. He found all well. The Mangoni chiefs had presented the mission with eleven cows, but insist on their being used only in the country around Kaningina. Our own cattle—most precious property—were in good condition. At Livingstonia, advancing cultivation had driven off the pestilent and fatal tsetse fly. After a fortnight's holiday, the school-boys and girls had returned to Christian instruction. Mr. Stewart had distributed toys and handkerchiefs as prizes at the examination. Namalambi, "a fine, promising boy," was dux of the school. Mr. Stewart had already started for Lake Tanganika before the request of the London Missionary Society was telegraphed, and was hoping to meet and, if necessary, aid Messrs. Hoare and Hutley.

The Indians.

—The Hon. Carl Schurz, Secretary of the Interior, devotes a large portion of his annual report to the Indian question. He states that the hostile Indians at the West are few compared with the whole number of the race. He states the Indian policy of the Department to be as follows:

"The ends steadily pursued by it are: *First*, to set the Indians to work as agriculturists or herders, thus to break up their habits of savage life and to make them self-supporting; *second*, to educate their youth of both sexes, so as to introduce to the growing generation civilized ideas, wants and aspirations; *third*, to allot parcels of land to the Indians in severalty, and to give them individual titles to their farms in fee, inalienable for a certain period, thus to foster the pride of individual ownership of property, instead of their former dependence upon the tribe, with its territory held in common; *fourth*, when settlement in severalty with individual title is accomplished, to dispose, with their consent, of those lands on their reservations which are not settled and used by them, the proceeds to form a fund for their benefit which will gradually relieve the Government of the expenses at present provided for by the annual appropriations; *fifth*, when this is accomplished, to treat the Indians like other inhabitants of the United States under the laws of the land.

"This policy, if adopted and supported by Congress, and carried out with wisdom and firmness, will in my opinion gradually bring about a solution of the Indian problem, without injustice to the Indians, and also without obstructing the development of the country. It will raise them to a level of civilization at least equal to that of the civilized tribes in the Indian Territory, and probably to a higher one, considering the stimulus of individual ownership in land. It will not take away from them by force what in justice and equity belongs to them, but induce them to part with what they cannot cultivate and use themselves for a fair compensation. It will open to progress and improvement large districts now held by Indians, which will then be of no real advantage to them and are now to nobody else."

The Chinese.

—Last February, Congress passed the bill prohibiting Chinese immigration which was vetoed by President Hayes. The very next day the new anti-Chinese constitution was adopted by the convention in California, denying the Chinaman the right to land, to labor, to vote, or even to live in any town or city. Soon came on the other side a decision of the Federal courts, adjudging the queue-cutting ordinance to be an unconstitutional violation of personal rights; and another, asserting that the treaty with China, granting its people a right of residence, gave them also a right of labor, and forbade any State to prohibit their employment. Chinese merchants meanwhile, unwilling to give up the commercial advantages assured to them by treaty, are establishing a line of steamers from China to the Sandwich Islands, and a connecting line thence to the Pacific coast. This record of the year's events is memorable and full of suggestiveness.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

1879–1880.

The following list presents the names and post-office addresses of those who are under appointment in the Churches, Institutions and Schools aided by the American Missionary Association, among the Freedmen in the South, the Chinese on the Pacific Coast, the Indians, and the Negroes in Western Africa. The Theological Department of Howard University is supported jointly by the Presbytery of Washington and the American Missionary Association. The Berea College and Hampton Institute are under the care of their own Boards of Trustees; but being either founded or fostered in the past by this Association, and representing the general work in which it is engaged, their teachers are included in this list.

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GEORGIA.

CONFERENCE REVIEW.

This review of the state of religion in the Congregational churches of South Carolina and of Georgia, during this first year of their General Conference, shows abundant occasion of gratitude for general prosperity and spiritual blessing.

The fact that all of our fourteen churches except one, have been represented in this Conference by their ministers and delegates, reveals an interest in its meetings, and in the doctrine of the fellowship of the churches, that is truly delightful. In this connection we cannot refrain from noting the grace of God conferred upon the churches in their custom of providing the necessary traveling expenses of their delegates. We hope that such messengers of the churches will reciprocate this consideration, and magnify their office, by making a full report of this and all such convocations to their respective assemblies for worship.

We gratefully recognize the increase of our total membership by 354, making the present number 949. One new church has been organized, that of Cypress Slash, which reports to us a membership of 54; a temporary cabin, built as a place for church and school, with the purpose soon to erect a more comely and

permanent sanctuary ; and also a new young minister who, with his wife, is already reaping missionary fruit.

We note with gratification that every one of our churches is supplied with the ministry of the word, except that at Marietta, whose pastor, Rev. S. P. Smith, has been transferred to Washington City for the purpose of building up the 2d Congregational Church at the capital. So, with the same exception, every one of our churches has its own house of worship. Some of these are commodious and tasteful; others are very plain; but all are places of sanctuary comfort, and the worshippers are striving each year to increase their comeliness and convenience. During the year, three of these congregations have added to their meeting-houses the attraction of the church-going bell. Among a people, few of whom have clocks or watches, the church bell is their time-keeper, and the promoter of that promptness which adds a charm to the services of public worship.

The doctrine of church discipline as a means of grace has been illustrated by a heroic use of the pruning knife upon these vines, that they may bring forth more fruit. The seeking of a clean membership is essential to the healthfulness and well-being of the churches.

The cause of temperance has been kept near the heart of our members. One church, the Pilgrim, at Woodville, has a large and influential Band of Hope. All preach temperance and require its practice among their members. We are deeply convinced that the habit of intemperance is the devil's best grip upon the poor and lowly people among whom we have our lot and our work, and that total abstinence is the only consistent rule for Christians. In a community where pastors and officers and members of Protestant churches indulge in the practice of drinking liquors, we feel called upon to bear an unremitting and uncompromising testimony against this violation of the spirit and the precept of the Gospel.

We are confirmed in the wisdom of the union of the school-work and the church-work in our evangelizing process. The school prepares the way for the church. It brings along the young and hopeful material for the church membership. The church garners up such fruit. It reacts upon the school and the community by its educating and elevating influence. In our ideal, both unite in the one purpose of saving and edifying the souls of men. We desire to express our sincere gratefulness in view of the devoted and self-denying labor of the teachers in the schools associated with our churches.

The higher schools and colleges within our bounds have gone along upon the plane of their former success. The Avery Institute, at Charleston, has passed through a change of administration without any diminution of its members or lowering of its high grade of scholarship. The Normal School at Greenwood, S. C., has held on in its beneficent way, enjoying the fine building and campus of an old time Baptist College. The Beach Institute in this city, with its cultivated and consecrated corps of seven teachers, with its fine body of pupils, with its thorough discipline and its decided moral and religious tone, is a power for good in this community and in this part of the State. The Dorchester Academy at Midway, the Lewis High School at Macon, and the Storrs School at Atlanta, have kept steadily upon the line of their extensive and beneficent influence. The Atlanta University maintains its high position as to classical and normal scholarship, and as to moral and religious tone, approved by the authorities of the Commonwealth and also by the favor of Heaven, in the enrolling during the year of a couple of score of its students among the disciples of the Great Master. Its independent Union Church, with 67 members, although not belonging to our body, is to us a sister in Christ, for whom our prayers and sympathies shall ever abound. Its Faculty consists

of three graduates of Yale and one each of Harvard, Dartmouth and Amherst Colleges, and of half a dozen cultivated ladies. To these it has just added Prof. A. W. Farnham, who is introducing the most approved normal methods, not only for the benefit of the normal scholars but of all in the University. More than a dozen of its graduates are now teaching high schools in leading cities of the State of Georgia, and so starting from these centres, radiating influences that shall bless many more communities. We give thanks to God for the bequest of $50,000, by which the University will now be able to add still more to its spacious accommodations.

We greatly rejoice in the new feature of the work within our limits, that of lady missionaries. We have four of them. One of these has been located at Charleston, one at Miller's Station, one at Macon, and one in Atlanta. Woman's work for women and children in these communities, we consider a Christly service of the utmost value. Woman can enter the homes as the pastor cannot; and yet she will make work for him in following up her discoveries. Her ready sympathy and happy tact will help her in stimulating to greater domestic comfort, and will aid her in doing good through many ways that are peculiarly her own.

We are comforted by the educated young men who are coming forward to minister in our churches. Besides those who have been raised up in the "Beach" to minister to the churches that cluster about it, we are happy in the coming of four graduates of the Theological department of Talladega College in Alabama, three of whom are this week receiving ordination at the hands of our own church councils, and the other is the moderator of one of these Convocations. We are happy to express grateful obligation to that Christian institution in another State for this gift of her cultured sons, who are to us also a part of the ascension gift of our blessed Lord.

We are devoutly grateful to God for the spiritual refreshings that have been enjoyed this year in our churches and schools. Some have had special seasons of revival. Others have had the dew in the fleece. Many souls have been brought into fellowship with Christ, and Christians have, we trust, been advanced somewhat in the process of purification.

We cannot conclude this annual narrative without recording our gratitude to the American Missionary Association, which, under God, has been the occasion within a short period of all this school and church development as now represented by the Conference of Georgia. We remind ourselves, also, that this is only one of seven of these Conferences which have been the outgrowth of the same general Christianizing process at the South. We magnify the grace of God bestowed upon the churches and friends who have furnished that Association with the funds, the prayers and the sympathies, that were essential to this great work. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."

J. E. Roy.
John McIntosh.
P. W. Young.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

At the Georgia Conference the Committee on Education make the following report:

That "Education is the handmaid of Religion" has become an accepted maxim. To be remembered everywhere, it is of especial importance in this field. Religion has here been corrupted by ignorance, and has often degenerated into superstition. A devout and imaginative spirit has been betrayed into serious errors and gross excesses in the name of truth and godliness. More knowledge, more culture of mind, is necessary in many cases to prepare the way for the perception of the truth. The one great object of the Church of Christ in its

labor among men is to save the souls of men by holding forth the word of Life; but to attain this, the Church must help to teach them what that word is, and how to read and study it for themselves. The Gospel seeks to prepare men, not only for the next life, but for this life also. It is fitted to bless the whole man, physical and mental, as well as spiritual. Education and Gospel piety must go together. The Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference desires to emphasize the fact that the past year's experience gives new occasion for gratitude that from the beginning of the American Missionary Association's work in this field, the school and the church have been closely united.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the deliberate judgment of this Conference that this field still requires the enlargement and vigorous prosecution of the school work, as a necessary aid to the upbuilding of our churches.

3. *Resolved*, That the churches must not cease to pray fervently for those who are teaching in our elementary and higher schools, and for their pupils, that the instruction given and the mental culture gained may bear the stamp of Christian consecration.

4. *Resolved*, That we desire to express our *warm sympathy with our young people*, who, in the face of many obstacles, are bravely pressing forward in their studies, to fit themselves for teachers or preachers, and would urge them to get as thorough and complete an education as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Hawley,
T. T. Benson,
Wilson Callen,
Committee.

ATLANTA MISCELLANIES.

BY A RESIDENT.

—A Christmas concert was observed by the Sunday-school of the First Congregational Church of Atlanta, Georgia. It followed Dr. Vincent's programme, which, with variations, was rendered with great success. The singing was excellent. The recitations and the responsive readings of Scripture were impressive. The recitations on the platform, of prose or poetry, a score or more, did not have a failure or a prompting. Every piece during the whole evening was about Christmas. The good reading and elocution were apparent as the result of the good training in the Storrs School, whose teachers are also instructors in the Sunday-school. Pastor C. W. Hawley seemed in his element as the leader of this service. Sup't Roy made a talk at the close. The school numbers two hundred and twenty-five. It would greatly gladden the hearts of the friends of our work if they could only look in upon this and the many other such schools in the South.

—Atlanta has a monthly Sunday-school Teachers' Institute. Pastor Hawley attends it. Atlanta's County, Fulton, has also a Sunday-school Association, which convenes in the city quarterly. At the last meeting, as interest was warming up in favor of taking some more practical measures toward helping the colored Sunday-schools, it was found that the constitution limited the membership to such schools as were "all white." Whereupon a *resolution* of interest and of encouragement was adopted. At the last meeting of the State S. S. Association, held in Macon, a colored school in Savannah applied for membership. The matter was quieted for the time, but it is said that it will come up again. Upon the recommendation of Gov. Colquitt it is proposed to adopt the Brooklyn idea of a Children's Day once a year; this not only for the City but for the State. In Atlanta there are fourteen colored Sunday-schools.

—At an entertainment at the Atlanta University, during the holidays, the Field Superintendent gave one of his

addresses upon the map of the United States.

—At the watch-night service in the Trinity M. E. South Church, of Atlanta, one of the speakers, Rev. Dr. Potter, a Presiding Elder, dwelling upon the openings of benevolence during the last year, expatiated at length upon the million of dollars given by one estate to the American Board. Surely the children of light are beginning to do business upon something of the grand scale on which the children of this world project their schemes. It was stated at that meeting that during the year, under Pastor Heidt, the Trinity Church had received two hundred members, half of them upon confession of faith, and had paid off a debt of twenty thousand dollars. It seems that the M. E. General Conference, South, has abolished the feature of a six months' probation. Only those are received who give evidence of conversion. The form in receiving a member that night was quite Congregational. This church has also advanced upon the policy of its sister at the North, in allowing a *four* years' pastorate, instead of *three*.

FLORIDA.

Letter from Rev. Geo. Henry.

DEAR SIR: I opened last Monday a day-school in addition to our Sunday-school. The necessity of this step will be apparent when I tell you that there are fifty children in this place who wish to attend school, but have been unable heretofore to do so, as the distance to the nearest colored school is from four to seven miles from their homes. Only a few of the larger ones have been able to attend.

In my school I have dull and bright, lazy and industrious children, as you have in all other schools, but taking them altogether, they study as well and learn as quickly as any set of pupils I have ever seen. I have one little girl who did not know the alphabet last Monday, but by the end of the week was able to read little stories from a Reader rapidly and accurately. I have never anywhere seen such progress made by a young child.

In view of the capability of the children to learn, there can scarcely be reason to doubt that the deplorable mental condition of the adult Freedmen is due to that institution which has been such a curse both to the slave and his owner. The public schools are open from three to four months each year; but so far they have been of very little use to the colored children, as they have been, as a rule, taught by incompetent persons. Most of the colored schools have colored teachers, and very few of them are either morally or intellectually qualified for the position. For example, the man who taught the school nearest to this place last winter used to bring his bottle with him to school. A woman of bad character and only rudimentary education has the same school this winter; yet this is one of the largest schools in the county. In a conversation which I had with Judge B——, a member of the Board of Public Instruction, he said that "the school money which had been spent for colored schools had been thrown away, for the children had not learned anything." This is very nearly a correct statement of the case, for a bright child ten years of age would learn more in two months than boys 19 or 20 years old know who have attended these schools for years. Understand me, I think this is the fault of the teachers and not of the pupils.

I believe that in my week-day school I shall be able to do as much for the improvement of the condition of the Freedmen as in any other way, and I am sure if you were here to look over the field you would agree with me.

Our work in the Sunday-school is also very encouraging; not that the scholars are uniting with the church—for nearly

all the older ones are members of churches now—but they are learning from the word of God those truths which are calculated to prepare them for useful lives in the earth and eternal happiness in the world to come.

LOUISIANA.

The Schools and the Churches.

BY REV. W. S. ALEXANDER.

The work of education and evangelization among the Freedmen in this State was never more hopeful. By the provisions of the new constitution which was adopted at the recent election, the rate of taxation has been greatly reduced, and as a direct consequence, the appropriation for school purposes will be correspondingly cut down. The free colored schools will be the first to be struck by this wave of retrenchment. Many schools, especially in the country parishes, will be closed, or, at the best, be maintained for a very brief period in the year. New Orleans will feel this matter as keenly as the country, for the amount of taxation is strictly regulated by the new constitution. Only special gifts can possibly keep the schools up to the present standard. One of the most prominent educators in the city said to me, "I would not raise unnecessarily the cry of alarm, but a crisis is surely near at hand with our public schools." The colored Normal School will certainly be discontinued. The Peabody fund will probably not be available for Louisiana another year. All these events, so unpropitious to the free school system of Louisiana, and so deeply to be deplored, render our work all the more necessary, and our prospect of enlarged usefulness the brighter.

When we see the grand opportunity opening before our beloved University—an opportunity which has not the remotest resemblance to the fictitious and dreamy—we try to forget the plaintive words, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and rally our courage by the more inspiring prophecy, "The morning light is breaking."

When the glorious work of enlargement begins, will it not be in order to start at the Gulf of Mexico and gradually work up? We rather approve of that plan and are quite ready for it.

CHURCH WORK IN LOUISIANA.

"We hold our own, and something more," is the word that comes up from the churches of our Association. Our annual meeting will be held at *Terrebonne*, the first Wednesday in April, and the brethren are eagerly anticipating it. Congregationalism is a plant of slow growth among the colored people, not from want of adaptation, but from lack of money to push it into fields now unoccupied or uncultivated. Money is needed to give new enterprises substantial encouragement in their difficult "beginnings"—to tide the pastors past the *starvation* point—to give them "foothold" till strength comes to them in the natural growth of a good enterprise.

The church at New Iberia, which welcomed our last annual conference, and which is memorable as the scene of a most precious revival, and suffered seriously in the loss, by a furious wind storm in September, of their tasteful and commodious chapel, is rallying grandly from the shock. By liberal subscriptions, by mortgaging their property, and by personal labor, they have put up and covered the frame of a larger building, and have stopped before finishing, simply because they could do no more. Two hundred dollars will put the new chapel in order for dedication. Shall they appeal in vain? We cannot afford to lose or to cripple this church. It has been a bright light on the prairie, and though the tempest levelled the building, it cannot—it must not—extinguish the light.

Our own, the Central Church, sends greeting to all kind, sympathizing and

praying friends in the North. All summer long, the members of the church have prayed in public and in private for a gracious out-pouring of the Divine Spirit. I found the church in an earnest, praying state. A greater degree of unity and cordial Christian fellowship prevails than I have ever before seen. To-morrow (Sunday, Jan. 4,) begins the "Week of Prayer." If, in its results, it shall fulfil the longings and faith of this people, then will it indeed be the "Week of Weeks" to us in Central Church. Last night, at our preparatory service, seventy-five were present; five new members were received, of whom three came on profession of faith. It was a meeting of peculiar tenderness and spiritual power. After a brief lecture by the pastor, forty-two Christians spoke tender, earnest words of love to God, and devotion to His service. God grant I may have good tidings to send you in my next letter.

TENNESSEE.

Labor Among Convicts.

PROF. H. S. BENNETT, NASHVILLE.

I have been superintendent of the Sunday-school in the Penitentiary of Tennessee, located at Nashville, for nine years, and several of the teachers of Fisk University have done so much in connection with that school that the work done there becomes a part of the influence of Fisk University. Hence, a brief description of a powerful work of grace, which has been in progress during the past three months, will appropriately find place in the columns of the MISSIONARY.

During my connection with the prison school, several seasons of refreshing have been witnessed, and hundreds of the prisoners have expressed a hope in Christ.

On returning from the North and resuming my duties as superintendent in the prison, in September, I noticed an unusual interest in the study of the Bible lesson. The remarks which were made at the close of the lesson were listened to with breathless interest. The interest was so marked that it was determined to give an opportunity to those who might desire to present themselves for prayers. This was done, and upwards of one hundred prisoners presented themselves. After a brief prayer-meeting, the prisoners were dismissed. On the next Sabbath, five or six made a profession of their faith in Christ, having been converted through the week. The work thus begun went on for two months, only one meeting for inquiry being held each week, and that at the close of the Sabbath-school. Another meeting was held on Sabbath morning, at which regular services were conducted by the chaplain. Each Sabbath, from three to six reported that they had found the Saviour. A deep religious interest pervaded the entire prison. Wherever little groups of prisoners were to be found, their conversation was upon the subject of religion. All the teachers felt that the Lord was present in power. At the end of two months thirty-five had found the Saviour, and ten or twelve backsliders had been reclaimed.

On the last Sabbath of November an unusual scene was witnessed within the prison walls. Thirty-four prisoners were received into the prison church. As the long row of prisoners, arrayed in the stripes of the criminal, stood up to take upon them the covenant vows of the church, it was perceived that the work had been very great.

Of the candidates, eight or ten were baptized by sprinkling, the rest by immersion. Ten or twelve remain to be taken into the church.

The influence of the work among the prisoners is seen to be very salutary. The church service and the Sabbath school are the two bright spots in the lives of the prisoners. From twenty t

enty-eight teachers, of both sexes and ors, Northern and Southern, engage the work. Three hundred pupils, soners, attend with remarkable regu- ity, as the attendance is optional. e influence of the religious work is to pire the prisoners with hope, and th a purpose to retrieve whatever they ve lost by their folly and crime in the st. Scores of them go out and live eful and honorable lives. Of this we ve abundant proof.

WOMAN'S WORK AMONG WOMEN.

Answers to Prayer—"Scrubbing up with the Bible."

MISS HATTIE A. MILTON, MEMPHIS, TENN.

My heart is overflowing with thanks- ving, not so much for the great results at I have already seen—for the great- results in this work are discerned ly by the eye of faith—but that I am rmitted to be the instrument, even in umble way, of answering your prayers, d not only yours, but those of the or suffering people here. So many nes when administering to their wants, t only when giving them loaves and hes, but when pointing them to a gher spiritual and moral life, they ve remarked, "Miss, I know the Lord nt you in answer to prayer."

Sometimes I hesitate about going to aces, and think I will do some other ty that day; but when the thought mes to me that it may be an opportu- y to answer somebody's prayer, I feel at I must go. Again, many times ve my friends in the North answered prayers. I will mention one in- nce which struck me as being re- rkable. A very poor woman came me asking for clothing for the little pless children of her dying sister. I d just given out the last garment; t while talking with her I put up a yer that something would come soon, d told her that I thought I should ve something for her in a few days. Just then the door-bell rang, and I went to the door and found there a box, which I opened at once, and in it beheld the answer to my prayer! It was full of very nice and mostly new clothing for children. It was a literal fulfilment of the promise, "and it shall come to pass, that before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear." And it is a comforting thought, that wherever God places us, He gives us the opportunity to answer other people's prayers.

The interest in this work is constantly increasing as we know more about it. The outlook for the year on which we have already entered is very encouraging. A few days since, while visiting a very hard neighborhood, one mother who is a church member said, "You must come around often; we knew ye first, and ye ought to visit us most; we needs ye too. I allers lays close down to what ye say, like the knife to the grindstone, 'cause I wants ye to sharpen me, so I will get to living better. I's mighty keerless, tho' sometimes I does try in a stamerin' manner to talk to my trifling neighbors. Now do come around often and *scrub us up with the Bible.*" Another woman, who has a good home, said, "We are so glad to have you back, so we can have our prayer meetings again; for we like those quiet meetings, without any fuss; and we like a leader in whom we have confidence, to instruct us."

One of the pupils in our school urged me to start a Sunday-school in the Methodist church, of which she is a member. I went three or four times, accompanied by one of our teachers. The colored pastor gave us a hearty welcome; said he was proud that we had come to help, and that he was no respecter of persons. The number increased each week. Last Sunday it was very unpleasant. The tenacity of the red Memphis mud was marvelous; but when I arrived, a little late, at the church, having been detained to attend

the burial of a baby, I found a goodly number, and the pastor was reviewing the last week's lesson. We immediately proceeded with the lesson for the day, after which I told them I thought we had better organize a Sunday-school, as I only wished to be a teacher, and would rather some of their own number would be the officers. To this they gladly assented, and we organized. We have three classes. I furnish them with Sunday-school papers, as they have never had any. Twice, as the hour for service approached, the minister has given up preaching, saying they learned much more studying the Bible. As we were leaving the church a brother said, "I believe you is going to be jest the building up of this church." Another said, "That is the kind of folks we colored ones needs; some one who is always at the post of duty, and is not afeard of mud and rain."

We have substantial evidence that our Northern friends have not forgotten the suffering ones here, in the shape of two barrels of very useful clothing, from Whitewater, Wis., and I have word that boxes from three other places are on the road. May those who give be as much blessed as those who receive, and we will strive to do all in our power to answer their prayers. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

STUDENT TEACHERS FROM LE MOYNE.

MISS L. A. PARMELEE, MEMPHIS.

We have never kept any record of the teaching and Sunday-school work done by our pupils, but, within a few days, I have gratified my curiosity by taking notes from the lips of a few student-teachers. Here they are.

Sixteen of our young people have during the summer taught one thousand and thirty-five (1,035) day pupils, and very nearly as many S. S. scholars. This does not include the teachers now at work, some of whom return to us next week, or in early spring. Probably this is only a fifth of the record, counting all former pupils.

Some of the experiences are very droll, as of the young woman who saw new phases of life in Arkansas: "Would you believe it, that the *white* people didn't know as much as I do?" White and black always called her "the white lady," and urged her return next season.

Another young woman was assistant in a school of 80 children. The log schoolhouse had no windows except board shutters; the seats were boards fastened upon blocks of wood; the blackboard was of her own manufacture. The building was so small that in pleasant weather she heard her recitations in a bush-arbor built against the side of the house.

Some of the teachers had better accommodations. One young man had an excellent building in a community of thriving farmers. He has taught there for five seasons. Just now he is getting up a club for the *New York Tribune* and reports ten subscribers.

Another young man, a member of the senior class, could scarcely leave his people. A powerful revival in connection with the school had brought many aged people as well as children to confess Christ, and the converts were loth to part with their teacher and friend. The person who went after him does not weary of telling about the tears shed and pathetic expressions of regret.

After two years of constant teaching another writes, "There are so many things in life I can't manage, I want to go to school again." The most cheering sign of the year is this growing desire for more thorough preparation for the work of life.

THE INDIANS.

BOYS FOR HAMPTON FROM FORT BERTHOLD.

REV. C. L. HALL, FORT BERTHOLD, D. T.

In the temporary vacancy of this Indian Aegncy, we gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of Mr. Hall, who is in the service of the A. B. C. F. M., in writing us the interesting letter which we print herewith:

I have had my privilege and my duty to co-operate with your society as represented by Hampton Institute, Virginia, and with the U. S. Government, in inducing a number of Indian youth to go East for education.

We thank God that the Government, among other good movements it has undertaken, has taken this "new departure" in the matter of Indian education. The A. B. C. F. M. has for many years been educating Indians with success, and the present civilized condition of the Cherokees, Choctaws, and many of the Sioux, Nez Perces and other tribes, is owing to their efforts, and for some years past the A. M. A. has also undertaken like work with like success. Indian education is no new departure with us; but on the part of the Government it is, and it has given us great pleasure to help on the plans of the Secretary of the Interior and of Commissioner Hayt in this matter.

The beginning of their "experiment" was here at Berthold. Captain Pratt, who was detailed by the Government to get fifty Indians from the mission, came to start his company at this agency, and I shall always feel that it was an honor to have been able to help him get a start. We did not know how the people would feel about sending their children to a distant and unknown country. They were superstitious about school and church influences. Would they trust the white man? Would they be sufficiently influenced by the desire for an education.

Well, Captain Pratt had both experience and faith; he told us of his talks and prayer meetings with the prisoners in Florida, and of their desire for education, and of the willingness of Eastern Christian friends to help them; then we knelt down in the sitting-room of our mission home, that Sabbath evening, and committed our way unto the Lord. All was in doubt; some had refused to go; the chiefs would not send their children; but soon three youth (boys of eighteen or twenty years of age) came of their own accord and offered themselves. They had been attending our school and had learned in a measure to trust us. They said they knew it was a long way to go and a long time to stay, and it would be hard; but they were prepared to carry out their resolution to learn to be white men. Soon thirteen youth, nine boys and four girls, were secured, all from our school; it took the nucleus of our school; but we knew that this movement would create a new interest in education and bring us new scholars, as well as do more than we could for the old ones who should go away, so we gave them up willingly.

With this beginning, Captain Pratt started down the river in a flat-bottom stern-wheel mission steamboat, one cold October day, collecting more from the river agencies as he went along till forty-nine were secured. The youth looked very sober as they started off; there were some very touching partings with friends, one of whom said, "I may not see a hair of him again;" and at the last look at them we saw blankets and coats waving in lieu of handkerchiefs on the upper deck of the boat. My heart was in my mouth as I thought of the boys and their Indian relatives, and of the better days in store for Indians, of which Uncle Sam was giving us a foretaste. All this was a year ago; to-day a hundred more from Dakota are on their way to Hampton and to Car-

lisle, and provision is being made for others in the West near their own homes. It is a beginning of better days, and I re joice that our two Congregational societies can find occasion to co-operate with each other and the Government in behalf of the Indian.

Now let us make a vigorous push, along with the forces now at work, to get him the protection of the U. S. Courts, so that he may have a better appeal than the only one now open to him, as Gen. Crook says—*his rifle.*

In spite of the change of agents four times in less than four years, and in spite of all endeavors to break down Christian influences here, these Indians have steadily progressed. They are cultivating more land and doing it more thoroughly, showing more interest in schools, and a stronger desire to adopt civilized habits, one young man going so far as to come to me with the request, "Father, they say you are skilful; can you not make my shoes squeak for me? They don't squeak like white people's shoes."

THE CHINESE.

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THE ROMANCE OF MISSIONS.

BY REV. W. C. POND, SAN FRANCISCO.

It is said that in connection with a somewhat enthusiastic collection for the American Board, taken ten years or more ago, at the First Congregational Church in this city, one card was sent up having this inscription: "Five dollars for Home missions, but 'nary red' for Foreign." The Christian spirit of the expression and its rhetorical elegance are about equal. Yet it well represents one class of Christian workers and givers who believe intensely that charity begins at home, who like to *see* what they are doing, and to watch its on-goings and to judge of its results for themselves. Foreign missions seem to them chimerical; the interest in such work romantic; and they don't believe in romance and chimeras.

We have sometimes met another class whose interest flags when they are brought in contact with the hard facts of any Christian work. For them, "'Tis distance lends enchantment to the view." To see and handle any Christian enterprise involves them inevitably in disappointment. They read the glowing pages of the *Herald*, and often feel their hearts burn within them; but if brought into actual, daily contact with the toils, the drudgeries of service, the days of small things, the months and years of discouragement through which, with faith that would not falter, God led his servants on to that which now makes those pages glow, they would soon become disheartened, possibly fault-finding, as though funds and men were being wasted on a work that makes so little show.

We respectfully suggest to all such friends of our Chinese work that they remain in the East, and do not at present visit California; for Christ, as found in the souls for whom we labor, has no halo round his head—indeed,

He had none when He wrought in that carpenter's shop at Nazareth; when He walked, with dust-worn raiment and with weary feet, the ill-wrought trails of ancient Palestine; nor even when He hung upon the cross. There was no external beauty to make men desire him; and to many who at this distance are almost filled with envy at the high privileges Peter, James and John enjoyed of seeing his face and hearing his voice, and walking in his companionship, He might have seeemed a "root out of dry ground, having no form nor comeliness."

At any rate, He abides to-day in souls that are very dark, that are very little sanctified—saints that by no means answer to the ideal saintliness—He abides in them; and while with patient love we bear with them, and while we hope on and work on, though faith feels like fainting and hope seems long deferred, we are *assured that we are serving* HIM. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

This is the period of the year when our work has least of what is outward and visible to stir enthusiasm. The weather is often stormy. The nights are often very dark. At some of the factories, work having broken across the boundary line which fading daylight fixed, holds on under gas-light till it is too late for our pupils to get to school. At any rate, many of them drop off; the average declines, and our hearts droop a little. It would be so much easier to work, if we could all the time be expanding, increasing, harvesting. Then, often, the pupils seem specially dull, and this one or that one in whom we have become deeply interested, and whom we supposed to have become somewhat enlightened, discloses a depth of darkness which we do not like to fathom, and shows that he has understood far less than we supposed. Among those whom we believe to be true followers of Christ, there crop out littlenesses of envy or jealousy or ill-humor, that perhaps would call down on them swift condemnation, did not all this remind us so much of what has stained our own Christian life.

Now if our romantic friends should drop in upon us at such times, they might be sorely disappointed; might feel that we had drawn on our fancies for some of our facts; might possibly go away and add their own "Amen" to the scornful taunts of Godless newspapers upon "converted Chinamen." And yet just such experiences of difficulty and discouragement belong to Christian work everywhere. If they do not form a necessary part of the discipline and training of the church, they certainly are unavoidable in the healing of sin-poisoned souls—in the education, the *leading out* of men from darkness into light.

I write these things, not because I have any special disappointments to communicate. I have none. And yet the state of the work just now is shadowed in these reflections. I have sometimes fancied—and felt that it was no mere fancy—that I could see in the story of our little mission, a tiny miniature of the history of the Apostolic Church. We had our little Pentecost to start with. We had the glow of a new love, the effervescence of a new life, the fresh joy of fraternal fellowship; prayer meetings carried, against my protest, for sheer delight in them, on into the small hours, by men who must be up and hard at work by six o'clock in the morning. Then after awhile we had our Ananias—two of them, since there was no wife to match Sapphira. And then we had disputes and little jealousies, like those of the Grecians against the Hebrews, and our scatterings by persecution and by other causes, in which, I rejoice to say, our disciples, like those of old, went here and there, preaching the word; so that with all that there has been at times to start anxiety, to test faith, to chasten hope, the work has

kept moving on. Souls have been added constantly, *saved* souls, we trust. Much prayer has gone up to the throne of grace, and earnest work has followed it, and Christ, thank God, has proved himself to be stronger than the strong man armed.

THE OROVILLE MISSION.

We entered a new name on the list of our schools on the 1st of November. It is at Oroville, the county seat of Butte Co. It is taught by Miss Jessamine Wood, daughter of the Congregational pastor in that town. Years ago we began a work there, but under auspices that proved to be very unfavorable. Ever since, we have desired to renew the effort, but the way has not opened till now. There are few points in the interior of the State where so many Chinese —1,500, it is said—are congregated. The Chinese population of the town at one time out-numbered that of all other nationalities. Our school, at its outset, is very small, the attendance being only seven, but we trust it is the thin edge of a wedge which we may yet drive home with good effect. A helper will be set at work there, temporarily at least, after the holidays, by whom not only may the school be enlarged, but the Gospel be preached in the streets, and the war for Christ be carried into the very Africa of Oroville Chinatown.

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Milford. Cong. Sab. Sch., $40, for *Student Aid, Atlanta U.*;—Bbl. of C. 40 00
Millbury. Second Cong. Ch. and Soc. 63 83
Mill River. Miss M. R. Wilcox 10 00
Mitteneague. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 8 70
Monson. E. F. Morris, $50; Cong. Ch. $30; to const. Dea. A. H. White, L. M. 80 00
Newbury. First Parish, Bbl. of C.
Newburyport. Miss S. E. Teel 5 00
New Braintree. Ladies' Aid Soc. Bbl. of C.
North Abington. ——$10;—Three Bbls. of C. and 48.75 *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.* 58 75
Northampton. "W." 100 00
North Andover. H. T. Parks, Bbl. of C.
Northbridge. Phebe S. Marsh 5 00
North Brookfield. Members of Union Ch. $34; Union Ch. Mon. Con. Coll. $19.10 ..... 53 10
North Chelmsford. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 25 00
North Hadley. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 4 93
Oxford. First Cong. Sab. Sch. 16 34
Palmer. Second Cong. Ch. and Soc. 18 54
Peabody. T. S. 1 00
Phillipston. A. & T. Ward 5 00
Pittsfield. First Cong. Ch. and Soc. 27 30
Plymouth. C. W. P. 50
Randolph. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 116 00
Rochester. First Cong. Ch. and Soc. 5 00
Rockland. Mr. Rice, $25; "Other Friends," $12.35, *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.* 37 35
Salem. J. H. T. 60c.; J. P. A. 50c. 1 10
Sheffield. First Cong. Soc. 10 55
South Abington. Sewing Circle, $25; Miss Mary Whitmarsh, $20; Miss C. Whitman, $5; Mrs. P. Healy, $5; —— Bbl. of C. and $5 *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.* ... 60 00
Southbridge. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 35 41
South Deerfield. Mrs. M. B. R. 50
South Hadley Falls. Cong. Ch. and Soc. $19.50; M. F. M., $1. ..... 20 50
South Weymouth. Second Cong. S. S., Miss Grover's Class, *for Student Aid, Atlanta U.* . 5 00
Springfield. South Ch., (Mrs. S. E. C.), $10; Mrs. A. C. H. $1.10 ..... 11 10
Sterling. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 27 44
Stockbridge. Miss Alice Byington, *for Student Aid, Washington Sch., Raleigh, N. C.* ... 10 00
Swampscott. Cong. Ch. and Soc., to const. Charles A. Haskell, L. M. 30 00
Templeton. Mrs. L. M. 1 00
Tolland. Cong. Sab. Sch., Bbl. of C.
Topsfield. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 60 00
Townsend. Cong. Ch. and Soc 14 75
Townsend Harbor. S. F. W. 50
Upton. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 33 00
Wakefield. Cong. Sab. Sch., *for Student Aid, Atlanta U.* 15 70
Warren. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 25 60
Watertown. Mrs. W. L., 60c.; Mrs. J. B. 50c 1 10
West Boxford. Ladies, by Mrs. H. T. Park, B. of C. and $2 *for Freight*; Mrs. C. E. Park, $3 *for Freight* 5 00
West Boylston. First Cong. Ch. and Soc. ... 61 00
Westford. Union Cong. Ch. and Soc. 2 00
Westhampton. H, F. C. 1 00
West Medford. Cong. Ch. and Soc. 19 33
West Medway. S. P. 1 00
Westminster. "A Friend." 5 00
West Newbury. Second Cong. Ch. and Soc 8 00
West Springfield. Park St. Cong. Ch. 41 00
Whitinsville, Cong. Ch. and Soc. 1,154 75
Williamstown. Boys' Miss. Soc., $10; Ladies of Cong. Ch., 3 Bbls. of C., *for Woodbridge, N. C.* 10 00
Winchendon. "A Friend," $1; Mrs. M. D. B. $1. ..... 2 00

Woburn. First Cong. Sab. Sch. ($25 of which from "A Friend,") $100;—First Cong. Sab. Sch. $70, *for Student Aid, Hampton N. and A. Inst.* $170 00
Worcester. Plymouth Cong. Ch. ($4 of which for Berea C.) $36.54;—Washburn, Moen M'f'g Co., 6,700 ft galv'd wire fencing, 10 lbs. galv'd Staples, *for Atlanta U* 36 54
..... 50 00

RHODE ISLAND, $200.50.

Barrington. Cong. Ch., $50; and Sab. Sch. $25 ..... 75 00
Oak Lawn. Rev. Marcus Ames 10 00
Pawtucket. Mrs. J. G 50
Providence. Pilgrim Cong. Ch. and Soc. $85; Josiah Chapin, $25; W. C. Chapin, $5 ..... 115 00

CONNECTICUT, $1,814.09.

Ansonia. "A Little Girl," 10
Black Rock. Cong. Ch 21 00
Bridgeport. C. G. D 50
Brooklyn. M. W. C., $1; S. H. T., $1 ..... 2 00
Clinton. Cong. Ch. and Soc. to const. Mrs. Leander Buell, L. M 48 07
Cornwall. First Cong. Ch., $5; G. H. C., 60c 5 60
Darien. Miss B. D 50
Deep River. Cong. Ch. and Soc 27 90
Eastford. Cong. Ch 11 28
East Hartford. First Ch 20 00
East Woodstock. C. D 50
Groton. Cong. Ch., $6.54, and Sab. Sch., $12.10 ..... 18 64
Guilford. Dea. Eli Parmelee 10 00
Haddam. Cong. Ch 10 00
Hamden. H H 50
Hanover. Cong. Ch. and Soc 9 25
Hartford. Second Cong. Ch., $93.61;—Mrs. John Olmsted, $50, *for rebuilding Academic Hall, Hampton Inst*; and $10 *for Florence, Ala.*, and to const. herself L. M.;—Mrs. Benton, $5, *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.*;—Rev R. R. M., $1; Mrs. J. O, 50 cts. 160 11
Madison. Cong. Ch 7 25
Meriden. Miss P 1 00
Middleton. Sab. Sch. of South Ch 25 00
Milford. Plymouth Ch $52.23; Plymouth Cong Ch. Sab. Sch. $32, to const. Mrs Owen T. Clark, L. M.; "P" $2 ..... 86 23
Moodus. Amasa Day Chaffee, (a little friend) proceeds of his garden 3 00
Moose Meadow. Mrs. H L E 50
New Britain. "Member of South Ch" 5 00
New Haven. Amos Townsend, $25; Third Cong Ch, $24 90; Mrs Dr. R. Crane, $10; Mrs. Julius Yale, $5; Mrs E. B. 70c.; C. A. S. 60c.; W. O. S. 50c.; W. A. L., 50c.; 67 20
New London. Trust Estate of Henry P. Haven, *for Fisk U* 250 00
New London. Mrs. Chapel, $50, *for Fisk U*;—First Ch. of Christ, Quar. Coll. $48.97; First Cong Ch. $37.18 ..... 136 15
New Milford. First Cong. Ch. and Soc 77 84
Newtown. Cong. Sab Sch 5 00
Norfolk Ladies of Cong Ch 4 Bbls. of C. *for Woodbridge, N. C.*
North Greenwich. Cong. Ch. and Soc 19 37
North Stamford. Emily Waterbury 2 51
North Woodbury. "M. J. C." 2 00
Norwalk. First Cong. Ch 35 63
Norwich. Broadway Cong. Ch. (ad'l), to const. Miss Hannah L. Ripley, Miss Elizabeth P. Ripley, Miss Maria J. Leavens, Miss Emeline F. Norton, Miss Caroline B. Scarlett, Miss Jennie A. Gorton, Miss Alice C. Dyer, Miss Augusta B. Greene, Miss Ella G. Cilley, Miss Julia M. Plummer, Miss Fannie L. Treadway, Miss Augusta P. Gillett, Miss Mary L. Huntington, Miss Henrietta Meeker, Miss Ellen M. Nunn and Miss Mary J. Palmer, L. M's 200 00
Norwich. "Friends," Papyrograph, with entire outfit, *for Atlanta U.*
Portland. First Cong. Ch. Sab. Sch $13 46
Simsbury. Rev. W. D. McF 50
South Britain. E. M. Averill 2 00
Southington. Cong. Ch., ... 16 00
South Windsor. First Cong. Ch 30 00
Stamford. Cong. Ch., M. C. Coll 7 88
Stonington. Second Cong. Ch 78 75
Suffield. First Cong. Ch 16 15
Thomaston. Cong. Ch 73 20
Tolland. J. L. Clough, "Family Thanksgiving Donation" 2 00
Wallingford. Cong. Ch. and Soc., $48, by Dea. J. Atwater; Miss T. B. Bartholomew, $2 ..... 50 00
Warren. First Ecclesiastical Ch. and Soc 40 00
West Hartford. Cong. Ch. and Soc 5 36
West Winsted. Second Cong. Ch. and Soc 93 20
Willimantic. Cong. Ch. and Soc., $46.30;—Cong. Sab. Sch., $30, *for Student Aid, Straight U* 76 30
Winchester. Cong. Ch 4 86
Winsted. First Cong. Ch 27 80
Woodstock. First Cong. Ch 7 00
Vernon. E. M. Seymour, Bbl. of C.

NEW YORK, $2,617.58.

Adam's Basin. L. D 1 00
Albany. First Cong. Ch 60 70
Alfred Centre. Mrs. Ida F. Kenyon 5 00
Berkshire. Miss R. K 1 00
Binghamton. Cong. Bible Sch., *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 50 00
Brooklyn. Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch., $368.45;—Central Cong. Sab. Sch., $201, by Geo. H. Shirley, *for Rev. Geo. Henry, Fla.*;—Miss Katherine Holmes, $2, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 571 45
Bridgewater. Zenas Eldred 5 00
Brier Hill. O. J 50
Chateaugay. Joseph Shaw 5 00
Chestertown. R. C. C 1 00
Cincinnatus. Coll. Union Thanksgiving Service, by Rev E. Rogers 10 00
Cortland. Mrs. E. B. Dean 5 00
Crown Point. Sab. Sch. of First Cong. Ch., Samuel Buck, Treas 10 00
Durham. Mrs. H. Ingraham 2 00
Dryden. Estate of Mrs. L C. Phillips, by Mrs M. L. Keeny, Executrix 500 00
East Bloomfield. Russel B. Goodwin 4 03
Ellington. "A Friend" 1,000 00
Fairport. First Cong. Ch 30 00
Greenville. F. H. Wakeley 5 00
Himrods. Mrs. G. S. Ayres 5 00
Homer. Mrs. Augusta Arnold, $3; F. F Pratt, $2 ..... 5 00
Madison. Rev. Geo. Hardy 10 00
Mount Vernon. J. Van Santvord 10 00
New York. "X. Y. Z." $100., *for Hampton N. and A. Inst.*;—Class in Broadway Tab. Sab. Sch., by A. P. Dana, Teacher, $11, *for Student Aid, Tougaloo U.*;—Washington Lee, $5; S. F. Haywood, $5; American Bible Soc., Grant of Bibles, val. $505 ..... 121 00
North Collins A. H 1 00
Oriskany. Albert Halsey, $5; Mrs. Lucy B. Porter, deceased, $5; Rev. S. F. Porter and Wife, $5 ..... 15 00
Palmyra. Mrs. M. A. Woodward 30 00
Pulaski. S. C 1 00
Rochester. Miss E. Leavenworth, $5; A. Beebee, $5; Abraham Hubregtse, $2 ..... 12 00
Rodman. Miss Eliza Gates, $25; John S. Gill, $10 ..... 35 00
Sag Harbor. Chas. N. Brown, $30, to const. Hon. Everett A. Carpenter, L. M.; "A Life Member," $1 ..... 31 00
Saratoga Springs. Nathan Hickok 2 00
Smyrna. First Cong. Ch. Sab. Sch. Miss. Soc 15 00
Sparkill. Mrs. H. E. D 1 00
Walton. First Cong. Sab. Sch 34 40
Waterville. Mrs. J. Candee, $4; Mrs. Wm. Winchill, $3 ..... 7 00
Westmoreland. A. S. B 50

Windsor. Mrs. Julia Woodruff, $4; Rev. J. S. P. $1 ..... $ 5 00
Union Valley. Wm. C. Angel 10 00

NEW JERSEY, $28.

Clayton. D. N. Moore, *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.* 25 00
Millstone Mrs. J. T. C 1 00
Morristown. W. B 1 00
Newark. R. D. W 1 00

PENNSYLVANIA, $9.

Guy's Mills. S. O. F 50
North East. B T. Spooner, $5; C. A. T. $1. 6 00
Providence. Welsh Cong. Ch 2 00
Plainfield. Mrs. H. B. O 50

OHIO, $599 34.

Aurora. Cong. Ch. $4.50; Dea. O. S. 50c ... 5 00
Austinburg. L. D. R. 27c.; F. J. R. 50c... 77
Brownhelm. Cong. Ch 22 50
Chagrin Fall. "Earnest Workers," $20, *for Student Aid, Tougaloo U.;*—Cong. Ch. $14 91 34 91
Chardon. —— 1 00
Cincinnati. Seventh St. Cong. Ch 13 64
Claridon L T. Wilmot 10 00
Cleveland. Euclid Av. Cong. Ch., $20.29; Mrs. H P. Hickox, $10;—Mrs. Coggswell, $2, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*—Miss M. P. 50c... 32 79
Columbus. Welsh Cong Ch 5 10
Delaware. Troedshewdalar Ch., $9; Wm. Bevan $5 ..... 14 00
Dover Cong. Ch 9 00
East Cleveland. Mrs. Mary Walkden, *for Mendi M.* 2 00
Elyria. Mrs. G., *for Student Aid, Fisk U.* ... 1 00
Fostoria. C. M 1 00
Geneva. W. C. P 1 00
Huntsburg. Cong. Ch., $28.50; L. G., 50c. 29 00
Lafayette. Cong. Ch 8 50
Madison. Mrs. Sarah Warner 10 00
Mallet Creek. J. A. Bingham, M. D 5 00
Mansfield. S. M. S 50
Marietta. R. P., 50c.; Rev. I. M. P., 50c... 1 00
Mechanicstown. Susan Manifold 2 00
Medina. Woman's Missionary Soc., by Mrs. M. J. Munger, Treas 7 00
Nelson Dea. Harvey Pike 5 00
Newark. Welsh Cong. Ch., $9.30; Thomas D. Jones, $5 ..... 14 30
North Eaton. M. O 50
Oberlin. J. W. Merrill, $100; Mrs. C. G. Finney, $20; P. B. H., 50c.. ..... 120 50
Painesville. Edward Little, $1 50; Rev. S. W. P., $1 ..... 2 50
Rootstown. Cong. Ch, $23; bal. to const. MRS. CHARLOTTE E. BICKFORD, L. M 23 00
Saybrook. Sab. Sch. District No. 3, $5, *for Student, Tougaloo U.;*—W. C. Sexton, $2.. 7 00
Sharon Centre. Mrs. R. A 50
Sicily. S. W. Huggins 10 00
Springfield. Cong. Ch and Soc., Quar. Coll. 6 14
Steubenville. Adna Tenney 20 00
Strongsville. Free Cong. Ch 6 00
Twinsburg. J. R. Parmelee 2 00
Wakeman Cong. Ch., to const. MINOT PIERCE, L. M 51 42
Wauseon. Cong. Ch 16 75
Wellington. Cong. Ch. and Soc 50 00
Welshfield. S. P 51
Wooster. D. B 1 00
York. Cong. Ch 10 00
—— "A Friend," *for Mendi M.* 35 50

INDIANA, $1.

Newville. Rev. A. D 1 00

ILLINOIS, $998.47.

Amboy. Bureau Ass'n of Ill., by Mrs. H. T. Ford, Treas., *for Lady Missionary, Liberty Co., Ga* 25 00
Beardstown. Cong. Ch 5 00
Chandlerville. Cong. Ch 7 00
Chicago. "A Friend," $250, by E W. Blatchford, *for Student Aid, Atlanta U.;*—N. E. Cong Ch. (bal Coll.) $109 22, and Mon. Con. Coll., $10.63;—Sab. Sch of First Cong. Ch., $50, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.;*—Ladies' Miss. Soc. of N. E Ch (of which $15 *for Student Aid, Atlanta, U.*), $25 75;—Miss R., $1, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*;—L. D. 50c... $447 10
Elgin. Mrs. Lovell, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.* 5 00
Evanston. Cong. Ch., $21 56;—J. M. Williams, $5, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 26 56
Fremont. Mrs. Robinson, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 5 00
Galesburg "Friends," by Mrs. S. R Holmes, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 35 45
Geneseo. First Cong. Sab. Sch 22 58
Highland. Cong. Ch 20 00
Jerseyville. G. W. Burke 10 00
Kewanee. Gleaners of Cong. Ch., $25, *for Student Aid, Straight U.*;—Mrs. C. L. C., $1. 26 00
La Harpe. Mrs E J. Nay, $2 ..... 2 00
Lamoille. Cong Ch 25 50
Lee Centre. Ladies' Soc. of Cong. Ch., *for Lady Missionary, Liberty Co., Ga* 15 03
Lewistown. Mrs. M. Phelps 50 00
Lisbon G K 50
Mendon. Mrs. C. T 1 00
Moline. Cong. Ch. Sab. Sch., $25; Ladies' Aid Soc. of Cong. Ch, $25; "A Friend," $1, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 51 00
Oak Park. Girls' Mission Band, $50; First Cong. Sab. Sch., $42.60, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 92 60
Peoria. Wm. Truesdell, $10; Moses Pettingill, $10; J. T. Rogers, $5; Rev. H. A. Stevens, $2, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*;—Mrs. E. Woodruff, $2 ..... 29 00
Polo. "Mrs. B. and M., Mrs. B., Mrs P. and E P.," $18; "Three young friends," $3 50, *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.* 21 50
Pittsfield. Mrs Elizabeth Carter 10 00
Princeton. Sab. Sch. of First Cong. Ch., *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 16 25
Quincy. First Union Cong. Ch., $12 75; L. Kingman, $10 ..... 22 75
Roseville. First Cong. Sab. Sch 6 65
Saint Charles. W. B. Lyons and Wife 5 00
Sycamore Rev. A. S 1 00
Western Springs. Mr. Williams, $2; Mr A., $1; Miss J., $1, *for Student Aid, Fisk U* ... 4 00
Winnebago. N. F. Parsons 10 00

MICHIGAN, $414 22.

Almont. Cong. Ch 38 59
Alpena. Mrs. S. Hitchcock 1 50
Benzonia. Rev. J. S. Fisher 25 00
Berrien Springs. Alexander B. Leeds 5 00
Birmingham. Rev. J McC., $1; Mrs. D. D. S., $1 ..... 2 00
East Saginaw. ESTATE of Charles W. Wilder, by N H. Culver, Admr 100 00
Jonesville. Mrs. R. L. H 50
Lodi. Eli Benton 50 00
Memphis. ESTATE of Chester L. Dudley, by James H. Dudley 25 00
Owosso. Cong. Ch. Sab. Sch, $50, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*;—First Cong. Ch., $50.. 100 00
Paw Paw. H. R 1 00
Saint Joseph. Cong. Ch 16 03
Union City. Cong. Ch 36 60
Vassar. Mrs. O. W. Selden 3 00
Whitehall. First Cong. Ch 10 00

IOWA, $414.81.

Burlington. Sab. Sch. of First Cong. Ch., *for Student Aid, Fisk U* 25 00
Castalia. W. H. Baker and Family, to const. MRS. ALMIRA A. RICHARDS, L. M 35 00
Cedar Falls Ladies of Cong Ch., *for Lady Missionary in New Orleans* 5 00
Council Bluffs. Cong. Ch 37 57
Creston. Pilgrim Cong. Ch 16 26
Danville. Mrs. Harriet Huntington 5 00
Decorah. First Cong Ch 32 68
Des Moines. Cong Ch ($50 of which from ex-Gov. Samuel Merrill), $107.92; Ladies of Plymouth Ch. $11 ..... 118 92

Fifteen-Mile Grove. G. C. H..... $1 00
Grinnell. Ladies of Cong. Ch..... 36 83
Iowa City. Cong. Ch 10 00
Le Grand. J. N. Craig, $3; T. P. C., $1.... 4 00
Lewis. Cong. Ch. and Soc..... 15 00
Marion. Mrs R. D. Stephens, $25; "Willing Workers" of Cong. Ch., Box of C., *for Student Aid, Straight U.*..... 25 00
Montour. Cong. Ch..... 12 54
Stacyville. Cong. Ch..... 17 50
Seneca. Rev. O. Littlefield..... 10 00
Tabor. Miss J. E. Williams, $5, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*;—J. E. Williams, $2..... 7 00
Waterloo. Mrs. W. W. T..... 51

WISCONSIN, $258.24.

Appleton. Mrs. M. C. P..... 50
Beloit. "Friends" $5, *for Student Aid, Talladega C.*;—Cong. Ch. (ad'l) $1..... 6 00
Cooksville. Ed. Gilley..... 5 00
Janesville. "Life Member"..... 10 00
Madison. First Cong. Sab. Sch., to const. J. H. OLIN, L. M..... 30 00
Menasha. First Cong. Ch..... 40 00
Milwaukee. Spring St. Cong. Ch..... 35 50
Racine. Mrs. M. S. Erskine..... 5 00
Sheboygan. David Ticknor..... 2 00
Walworth. Mrs. D. R. S. C..... 1 00
West Salem. William Munson..... 50 00
Whitewater. Cong. Ch..... 73 24

KANSAS, $14.15.

Manhattan. Mrs. M. P..... 1 00
Topeka. First Cong. Ch..... 8 00
Washington Creek. D. E. B..... 1 00
Waushara. Cong. Ch..... 4 15

MINNESOTA, $63.89.

Faribault. Cong. Ch. 27 27
Minneapolis. Plymouth Cong. Ch..... 19 12
Morris. Cong Ch..... 1 52
Northfield. First Cong. Ch. (ad'l)..... 15 98

NEBRASKA, $7.

Beaver Crossing. Mrs. E. Taylor..... 2 00
Santee Agency. "A Friend of the Freedmen." 5 00

DAKOTA, $51.05.

Yankton. Woman's Miss. Soc., *for work among Women*..... 51 05

WASHINGTON TER., $25.

Colfax. Rev. Cushing Eells..... 10 00
S'kokmish. Cong. Ch..... 15 00

CALIFORNIA, $5.

Chico. Lewis H. Morse, 1 copy of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary
Nevada City. Charles Hepler..... 5 00

MARYLAND, $100.

Baltimore. Rev. Geo. Morris, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.*..... 100 00

TENNESSEE, $230.55.

Chattanooga. J. W. H..... 50
Memphis. Le Moyne Sch., Tuition..... 31 60
Nashville. Fisk University, Tuition, $193.10; —Fisk U., Thanksgiving Offering, $5.35 *for Lady Missionary, Nashville, Tenn.*..... 198 45

NORTH CAROLINA, $108.01.

Raleigh. Washington Sch., Tuition..... 7 60
Wilmington. Normal Sch., Tuition, $94.50; First Cong. Ch. $5.91..... 100 41

SOUTH CAROLINA, $342.50.

Charleston. Avery Inst., Tuition, $320.50;—Rev. T. Cutler, $20, *for Student Aid, Fisk U.* —Cong. Ch., $2..... 342 50

GEORGIA, $596.01.

Atlanta. Storrs Sch., Tuition, $215.60; Rent, 3; Atlanta U. Tuition, $94; Rent, $14.30;—Atlanta U., *for an Indian Student*, $50..... $376 90
Bellmont. Cong. Ch..... 1 50
Macon. Lewis High Sch., Tuition, $53.35; Rent, $6.50..... 59 85
Savannah. Beach Inst., Tuition, $107; Sales, $50.76..... 157 76

ALABAMA, $523.60.

Athens. Trinity Sch., Tuition..... 31 00
Mobile. Emerson Institute, Tuition..... 201 25
Montgomery. Pub. Sch. Fund..... 175 00
Selma. Cong. Ch., $31.40; Rent, $5..... 36 40
Talladega. Talladega College, Tuition, $79.45; W. S., 50c..... 79 95

MISSISSIPPI, $200.05.

Natchez. Rev. C. A. 50
New Orleans. Straight U., Tuition..... 110 00
Tougaloo. Tougaloo U., Tuition, $40.25; Rent, $48.80; by Rev. G. S. P., 50c..... 89 55

MISSOURI, $18.05.

Ashburn. F. M. R..... 1 00
Miami. Elijah Nichols..... 5 00
Neosho. "A Friend"..... 1 00
Saint Louis. First Cong. Ch..... 11 05

INCOME FUND, $290.

——— Avery Fund..... 190 00
——— C. F. Dike Fund..... 50 00
——— General Fund..... 50 00

CANADA, $2.

Union. Nathan Taylor..... 2 00

PERSIA, $30.

Oroomiah. Rev. and Mrs. B. Labaree..... 30 00

Total..... 16,580 82
Total from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st.... $43,157 87

FOR MISSIONS IN AFRICA.

Leeds, Eng. Robert Arthington, conditional pledge £3,000.....
Brewer, Me. M. Hardy..... $100 00
Previously acknowledged in Nov. receipts.. 1,515 34

Total $1,615 34

FOR TILLOTSON COLLEGIATE AND NORMAL INSTITUTE, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

New London, Conn. First Cong. Ch..... $50 00
Brooklyn, N. Y. Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch. (A. S. Barnes)..... 500 00
Mendon, Ill. Mrs. J. Fowler..... 125 00

Total..... 675 00
Previously acknowledged in Oct. receipts.... 192 00

Total $867 00

FOR NEGRO REFUGEES.

Bangor, Me. Miss Perham..... $2 00
Harwichport, Mass. Leonard Robbins..... 5 00
Coral, Mich. Benjamin H. Lewis..... 5 00

Total..... 12 00
Previously acknowledged in Nov. receipts.. 5 00

Total..... $17 00

Receipts for December..... 17,367 82

Total from Oct. 1st to Dec. 31st..... $45,740 21

H. W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
56 Reade St., N. Y.

Constitution of the American Missionary Association.

INCORPORATED JANUARY 30, 1849.

ART. I. This Society shall be called "THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be to conduct Christian missionary and ducational operations, and diffuse a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures in our own and ther countries which are destitute of them, or which present open and urgent fields of ffort.

ART. III. Any person of evangelical sentiments,* who professes faith in the Lord Jesus hrist, who is not a slaveholder, or in the practice of other immoralities, and who contributes o the funds, may become a member of the Society; and by the payment of thirty dollars, a ife member; provided that children and others who have not professed their faith may be onstituted life members without the privilege of voting.

ART. IV. This Society shall meet annually, in the month of September, October or Novem- er, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, at such time and place s shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

ART. V. The annual meeting shall be constituted of the regular officers and members of he Society at the time of such meeting, and of delegates from churches, local missionary ocieties, and other co-operating bodies, each body being entitled to one representative.

ART. VI. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Recording ecretary, Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, two Auditors, and an Executive Committee f not less than twelve, of which the Corresponding Secretaries shall be advisory, and the reasurer ex-officio, members.

ART. VII. To the Executive Committee shall belong the collecting and disbursing of unds; the appointing, counselling, sustaining and dismissing (for just and sufficient reasons) issionaries and agents; the selection of missionary fields; and, in general, the transaction f all such business as usually appertains to the executive committees of missionary and ther benevolent societies; the Committee to exercise no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the issionaries; and its doings to be subject always to the revision of the annual meeting, which hall, by a reference mutually chosen, always entertain the complaints of any aggrieved agent r missionary; and the decision of such reference shall be final.

The Executive Committee shall have authority to fill all vacancies occurring among the fficers between the regular annual meetings; to apply, if they see fit, to any State Legislature or acts of incorporation; to fix the compensation, where any is given, of all officers, agents, issionaries, or others in the employment of the Society; to make provision, if any, for dis- bled missionaries, and for the widows and children of such as are deceased; and to call, in ll parts of the country, at their discretion, special and general conventions of the friends of issions, with a view to the diffusion of the missionary spirit, and the general and vigorous romotion of the missionary work.

Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

ART. VIII. This society, in collecting funds, in appointing officers, agents and missiona- ies, and in selecting fields of labor, and conducting the missionary work, will endeavor articularly to discountenance slavery, by refusing to receive the known fruits of unrequited abor, or to welcome to its employment those who hold their fellow-beings as slaves.

ART. IX. Missionary bodies, churches or individuals agreeing to the principles of this ociety, and wishing to appoint and sustain missionaries of their own, shall be entitled to do o through the agency of the Executive Committee, on terms mutually agreed upon.

ART. X. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution without the concurrence of two- hirds of the members present at a regular annual meeting; nor unless the proposed amend- ment has been submitted to a previous meeting, or to the Executive Committee in season to e published by them (as it shall be their duty to do, if so submitted) in the regular official notifications of the meeting.

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* By evangelical sentiments, we understand, among others, a belief in the guilty and lost condition of all men without a Saviour; the Supreme Deity, Incarnation and Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world; the necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, repentance, faith and holy obedience in order to salvation; the immortality of the soul; and the retributions of the judgment in the eternal punishment of the wicked, and salvation of the righteous.

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AIM AND WORK.

To preach the Gospel to the poor. It originated in a sympathy with the almo friendless slaves. Since Emancipation it has devoted its main efforts to preparing t FREEDMEN for their duties as citizens and Christians in America and as missionaries Africa. As closely related to this, it seeks to benefit the caste-persecuted CHINESE i America, and to co-operate with the Government in its humane and Christian poli towards the INDIANS. It has also a mission in AFRICA.

STATISTICS.

CHURCHES: *In the South*—In Va., 1; N. C., 5; S. C., 2; Ga., 13; Ky., 7; Tenn., 4; Ala., La., 12; Miss., 1; Kansas, 2; Texas, 6. *Africa*, 2. *Among the Indians*, 1. Total 70.

INSTITUTIONS FOUNDED, FOSTERED OR SUSTAINED IN THE SOUTH.—*Chartered:* Hampton, V Berea, Ky.; Talladega, Ala., Atlanta, Ga.; Nashville, Tenn.; Tougaloo, Miss., New O leans, La.; and Austin, Texas, 8. *Graded or Normal Schools:* at Wilmington, Raleigh, C.; Charleston, Greenwood, S. C.; Savannah, Macon, Atlanta, Ga.; Montgomery, Mobil Athens, Selma, Ala.; Memphis, Tenn., 12. *Other Schools*, 24. Total 44.

TEACHERS, MISSIONARIES AND ASSISTANTS.—Among the Freedmen, 253; among the C nese, 21; among the Indians, 9; in Africa, 13. Total, 296. STUDENTS—In Theology, Law, 28; in College Course, 63; in other studies, 7,030. Total, 7,207. Scholars taug by former pupils of our schools, estimated at 150,000. INDIANS under the care of t Association, 13,000.

WANTS.

1. A steady INCREASE of regular income to keep pace with the growing work. T increase can only be reached by *regular* and *larger* contributions from the churches—t feeble as well as the strong.

2. ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS for our higher educational institutions, to accommodate t increasing numbers of students ; MEETING HOUSES for the new churches we are orga izing; MORE MINISTERS, cultured and pious, for these churches.

3. HELP FOR YOUNG MEN, to be educated as ministers here and missionaries to Afri —a pressing want.

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